

COMMUNITY BASED POLICING MEETING, JULY 19, 2007

The community based policing meeting for July was cancelled, but a week later there was a meeting of Block Captains for this area and it was conducted by the Senior Lead Officers from each area.

Block Captains met by their individual blocks to discuss problems of their area.

The Senior Lead Officers stressed to community members that it is extremely important that people report crime in their vicinity. If they do not report this, then the police staff has no knowledge of what is happening in a community. If you report a brokes vehicle window **only** to the auto insurance company, then the police have no idea that this might be a community problem and can't make efforts to patrol that area.

Additionally, they said that coming to your home to take a report is a low priority item. Since they are usually underpersoned, they need to spend their time out on patrol "getting the bad guys"! **If you have an incident in your neighborhood that needs reporting, please go to the station and make a written report.** Don't just leave the information on the officer's cell phone. If there is evidence, be sure to maintain the integrity of that evidence and an officer may need to monitor the evidence.

Pacific Division Front Desk: 310-482-6334

Non Emergency number: 8877-ASK-LAPD

Crime in progress or major crime that has already occurred: 911

On Tuesday, August 7 at 6 p.m., is the National Night Out, when community members are empowered to show presence in their area. This year it will be at Mar Vista Gardens. Meet first at Stoner Avenue Elementary School (corner of Stoner Avenue and Braddock Drive) to walk over to the Gardens. This an important event for our community and will feature speakers and booths of interest.